

## **“Acquisition View: The Road to a Successful Internship Program”**

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Speaker Biographies

### **Bridget Gauer**

Ms. Gauer joined the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) as the Chief of Staff in the Office of Acquisition in January 2006. She came to TSA with 19 years of government service in a variety of different disciplines. She developed and implemented the idea of the acquisition learning program for entry level contract specialists referred to as “The Boot Camp”. Ms Gauer’s team was recognized by the Chief Acquisition Officer Council, Excellence in Acquisition Management award, 2006.

Prior to joining TSA, Ms. Gauer was invited to serve as one of the first senior analyst’s with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer. She joined the procurement field in 1994 and has held procurement positions multiple Federal agencies including, DHS, Department of Interior, and the Department of the Army.

Ms. Gauer entered the federal government as a recreation specialist with the Department of Army and served as a business manager for various Morale Welfare and Recreation facilities in Germany, South Carolina, and Arizona. She was awarded the Army’s Excellence in Management award for Leisure Travel and the Commander’s award for Civilian Service for her efforts in this area.

Ms. Gauer holds a Bachelor of Science degree from California State University Northridge, a Master’s in Business Administration from Webster University, and a Master’s in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

### **Cori Sabet**

Cori Sabet is the Program Manager for the Governmentwide Acquisition Management Intern Program at the Department of the Interior University. She joined DOI University in December of 2002, so she is a newcomer to both federal service as well as the acquisition field.

Prior to starting at the U.S. Department of the Interior, Cori worked for a private non-profit organization as a therapist and director of a group home for severely mentally ill adults in Fairfax County, Virginia. In this position, she ran the day-to-day operations of the group home, provided counseling to the residents, and supervised the mental health professionals who provided services within the home.

Cori also has had a variety of experiences in the field of human resources. She has worked as a human resources manager at a law firm in Washington, DC, supervising legal secretaries, doing legal recruiting and consulting with staff on human resource

issues. In addition, Cori has also worked as a consultant for a human resources consulting firm and as a career consultant at Georgetown University, providing career-counseling services to students and alumni of the university.

### **Jean Lilly**

Jean Lilly currently serves as the IRS Office of Procurement Career Ladder Employee Program Manager. She is responsible for the development of approximately 60 career ladder employees. Prior to this position, Jean helped stand up the Office of Competitive Sourcing Acquisitions that handled numerous A-76 initiatives as a result of the President's Management Agenda. Jean developed the IRS Outstanding CORT Program. She has held numerous management positions in the Office of Procurement. She has over 30 years experience in contracting as a GS-1102. Jean was an intern at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Her memberships include a long-term member of the interagency committee – Information Technology Resources Board, Trail Boss Graduate, member of NCMA; ITRB liaison to the Federal Acquisition Council, Member of the A-76 Coordinators' Group sponsored by OMB, and Co-chaired a sub-committee of Contracting Officers for the A-76 Coordinators.